CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS.

The Condition of Business Before Congress.

Several Important Bills Awaiting Final Action—Seven Appropriation Bills to be Passed-Work of the Investigating Committees Yesterday -- Return of the Chinese Indemnity Suggested.

Important Business Before Congress. Only five of the twelve regular annual appropriation bills have as yet received final action during the present session of Congress. They are the pension, Military Academy, consular and diplomatic, Indian, and naval appropriation bills. The fortification bill is in the hands of a committee of conference. The postoffice appropriation bill has passed both Houses, but is now on the Speaker's table, awaiting action in regard to the Senate amendments. The samp appropriation bill is before the Senate. The deficiency and river and harbor bills are in Senate committees. The other two bills have yet to pass the House, namely, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills, which is pending in that body, and the sundry civil, which will probably be reported to it from the Committee on Appropriations to day or Mouday. Among the other important measures that have passed one or both Houses of Congress, but are still pending, are the internal revenue and the Chinese immigration bills, which have passed toth branches of Congress, but remain on the Speaker's table with Senate amendments. tion in regard to the Senate amendments. The toth branches of Congress, but remain on the Speaker's table with Senate amendments. The Senate bill for the revision of the patent laws and the bill extending the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which are also on the Speaker's table; the House bill for the distribution of the Geneva award, recently reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee and now on the Senate calendar, and the steambeat and interstate commerce bills, which, having passed the House, are still in the hands of the Senate Committee on Commerce. Another subject left for action by Congress during the short remainder of the session is the provision of the District this year than for severging the senate of the senat

The Potter Committee. Mr. Leonard Whitney, manager of the Washington office of the Western Union Tele-

certain books for the use of the committee, and that, in the opinion of the majority, Mr. Seward should be brought before the bar of the House and compelled to give cause why he should not comply with the requirements of the committee, as expressed in the subgama mentioned. The minority take the ground that Mr. Seward is legally excusable for not producing the books called for, and base their pointion on the guarantee of the fifth article of poun duces tecum requesting him to produce that Mr. Soward is legally excusable for not producing the books called for, and base their opinion on the guarantee of the fifth article of the amendments to the Constitution, which provides that no person shall be compelled to produce evidence of a self-convicting character; and, as the books called for are to be used legally exempted from producing the same. The two reports will be submitted to the House at the first opportunity. Monday evening next bas been set apart by the committee to hear arguments pro and con of counsel regarding the question of impeachment.

Works of Art. The Joint Committee on the Library will hold a meeting to-day for the purpose of passing upon the various works of historic art which have been offered for sale to the Government. It is to be hoped that due attention ment. It is to be hoped that due attention will be given to the advantages of military organizations, the Alexandria Ransom's "General Thomas, or Rock of Chickamauga." This picture is at once a beautiful landscape and heroic ferent industries and business pursuits, will portrait combined, signalizing one of the most important events of the war is pursuitable. important events of the war, is universally recommended by the friends and army ac-quaintances of General Thomas, and by art critics upon its merits as a work of art. It can be purchased at a very low figure, and ought to grace some one of our public buildings.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate vesterday :

Lyell T. Adams, of New York, to be United Lyell T. Adams, of New York, to be United States Consul at Geneva; Edward E. Lane, of Illinois, to be United States Consul at Tunstall; James E. Montgomery, of New York, to be United States Consul at Leipsic; John H. Steuart, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Consul at Antwerp; James Riley Weaver, of West Virginia, to be United States Consul at Vienna. Collectors of customs—W. T. Simpson, at Genesec, N. Y.; George W. Warren, at Cape Vincent, N. Y. Daniel H. Freeman, to be register of the land-office at St. Cloud, Minn.

The Chinese Indemnity Fund. The report in relation to the Chinese indem nity fand submitted to the House by Mr. Wilson, from the Committee on Foreign Affair recommends that a sufficient sum be reserved to pay whatever may be the award be Court of Claims to the owners of the Caldera and Forest Belle, and that the balance returned to the Chinese government

Intelligence has been received by cable from Batavia, Java of the death of Pliny M. Nickerson, United States Consul at that place. Do-

ceased was a prominent merchant of Boston Last Reception of the Season. Mrs. Hayes will hold her last public reception

of the season this afternoon from three to five

The Departments will be closed to-day in honor of the birthday of George Washington, in accordance with the orders heretofore issued by the President. The Appropriation Bills.

The subcommittee, consisting of Mesars. Mc Millan, Spencer, and Ransom, appointed by the Senate Committee on Commerce to consider the river and harbor appropriation bill, held a session last evening. A large number of smeantments have already been introduced in e Scenate for reference to this committee, and is probable that the amount of the bill will

THE CENTURY SAFE.

Programme of the Exercises To-Day. The Century Safe, which, with its contents, have already been described in THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN, will be formally closed in the Hall of Statuary in the Capitol to-day. The following additional deposits will be made by the persons named prior to the closing of the

President R. B. Hayes, autograph album. Mrs. R. B. Hayes, inkstand.
Vice-President Wheeler, photograph album.
Hon. T. W. Ferry, one gold pen.
Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, one gold pen.
Hon. S. J. Randall, copy of "United States Centennial Welcome."
John G. Nicolay, Blue Book.
T. S. Verdi, M. D., copy of "Second Centery."

C. H. Loutrel, of New York, autograph of nembers of Forty-fourth Congress.
Hon, W. K. Rogers, picture of President

Hon. E. G. Lapham, picture of Mrs. Hayes. Hon. R. W. Thompson, picture of Colonel homas A. Scott. Thomas A. Scott.

Hon. J. D. Cameron, picture of ex-President

Hon. R. E. Withers, pictures of Washington and Lincoln.
Hon. N. Booth, picture of Hon. T. W. Farry.
Hon. J. A. Garfield, picture of W. K. Rogers.
M. W. Cooper, of New York, card of express companies, authorizing agents to receive and forward pages of autograph albums free.
Hon. D. W. Voorhees, picture of T. S. Verdi, M. D.

citizens of the District this year than for severemainder of the session is the provision of means to pay arrearages of pensions under the ral years past. The Departments, District governmently enacted haw and to meet Secretary enment buildings, and many business houses Sherman's anticipated deficit in the revenues. will be closed. The District Artillery, Major Habneman, will fire salutes at sunrise and sunset. The Oldest Inhabitants, reinforced by the Veterans of 1812, will hold a celebration at

Washington office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was before the Potter conmittee yesterday, and testified that certain telegrams between A. M. Gibson and Mr. Williams, correspondents of the New York San, had been withdrawn on an order from the executive office of the company. Jack Wharton was relations with Maddox, and nothing new was elicited. General Butler then questioned him as to how he came to have the Jewett letter in this pocket, but the witness steadily deed, to state to whom he had shown it. The committee adjourned to Monday, when it is a pected that Mr. Jewett will be before them to explain his letter.

The Shanghal Consulate.

The House Committee on Expenditures in the State Department held a sorret session yeaterday, at which two reports were read. The majority report holds that Mr. Seward stands in contempt by non-compliance with the subpone a does teems requesting him to produce contain hooks for the new of the committee, and

AT MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Mount Pleasant Assembly will publicly celebrate Washington's birthday at Union Hall, Mount Pleasant, at half-past seven o'clock

this evening.

Short addresses appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by the president, J. W. Baker, esq., and the following members: L. S. Emery, A. M. Tanner, B. P. Davis, Andrew A. Lips-comb, Judge Freeman, B. T. Snencer, H. C. Harmon, Chapin Brown, and S. G. Arnold.

AT ALEXANDRIA.

Extensive arrangements have been made for the celebration in Alexandria. A procession, ington and Cameron streets, and the route will take in the principal streets of the city. The Washington Light Guard, commanded by Cap-tain Donald McCathran, will take part in the procession. As usual on such occasions, many Washingtonians will spend the day in Alex-

Capitol and Departmental Notes Subscriptions to the 4 per cent, loan yesterlay amounted to \$5,653,850 Revenue receipts vesterday were-from in

Outstanding circulation of legal-tender notes

and fractional currency: United States notes, new issue, \$17,661,138; United States notes series 1869, \$129,094,496; United States notes, series 1874, \$33,141,353; United States notes, series 1875, \$134,368,263; United States notes, series 1878, \$32,415,736; total United States notes, \$346,681,016; fractional currency, \$16,-011,616.67; grand total, \$362,692,632.67.

THE ARKANSAS SENATORSHIP.

Testimony Before the Bribery Committee LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Feb. 21.-Representatives Payne and Furbush and United States Register Gibbs (all colored) were examined by the bribery committee to-day. Gibbs exonerated Senator Dorsey from all complicity fur ther than expressing an opinion in a private letter favorable to Johnson's election. Payno's testimony developed nothing. Furbush reiterated his testimony of the previous day, and explained that the \$2,000 were intended for im, and that other amounts were to be paid o Dawson and others. Colonel Johnson was ot implicated as depositing the money. The names of the parties who deposited the money with Root were not developed. Root left for the East yesterday. Representative Lue and x-Revenue Collector Cooper were examined his evening. After a long and tedious ex-mination Lee's testimony narrowed down to he assertion that on the Friday night before be Senatorial election Walker, Senator-elect, offered Lee and his friends money, which they declined to receive. The witness inferred from the conversation that the offer was intended to influence his vote for Senator. Lee admits that he was half drunk when the conversation

Indirect Information.

San Francisco, Feb. 21,-A San Diego dispatch says the Union's special from Tucson this House of Representatives of that State was toevening says: "A private letter from a reliable day ordered to arrest E. L. Smith, manager of the Scenate for reference to this committee, and it is probable that the amount of the bill will be increased at least half a million dollars.

A subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee have been at work on the deficiency bill all day, and expect to have it ready for report to the full committee to-more ow.

A private letter from a reliable day ordered to arrest E. L. Smith, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and bring him before the House for contempt in failing to appear before the Senatorial investing the second of the Senatorial investing the second of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and am perfectly satisfied the revolution failing to appear before the Senatorial investing the second of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and bring him before the House for contempt in failing to appear before the Senatorial investing the second of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and bring him before the House for contempt in failing to appear before the Senatorial investing the first of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and bring him before the House for contempt in failing to appear before the Senatorial investing the first of the Western Union Telegraph office at Topeka, and the Western Union Telegraph of the Western Union

THE PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

Its Investigation by a Committee of the Senate.

Views of Dr. J. W. Gadsden Presented-Result of His Inquiries into the Disease-Many Cases Found in Alexandria-Adventures in a Long Island Distillery - Other Witnesses, &c., &c., &c.

The Disease Apparently Local. The Senate Committee on Agriculture (Mr. Paddock, chairman) commenced yesterday an investigation in accordance with a resolution adopted on motion of that Senator on the 6th of February, instructing that committee to inquire respecting certain reports recently put in circulation in this country and elsewhere concerning the prevalence of infectious diseases among horned cattle in the United States, with authority to send for persons and papers and to report to the Senate by bill or otherwise, as the facts may warrant and the

otherwise, as the facts may warrant and the interests of agriculture may demand.

Dr. J. W. Gadsden, a graduate of the Royal Veterinary College of England, and who has been practicing in Philadelphia for the past cleven years, stated that he had had much experience in preventing the spread of contagious diseases among cattle. In 1365 and 1866 he was amonited asymptotic to the contagious diseases among cattle. was appointed government inspector in Eng-land to prevent the spread of such diseases. On the 23d of January last the Canadian in

spector of cattle discases—Professor D. Me-Eachran—called upon him in Philadelphia, stating that he was sent by his government to ascertain whether there were any contagious cattle diseases in the United States. He in-formed Dr. Gadsden that he had found many contagious pleuro-pneumonia cases at Alexan-dria, Va., and wished the doctor to accompany him to the State of New York, in order to find him to the State of New York, in order to find out for themselves whether the report that pleuro-pneumonia was prevalent on Long Island was true. They went together, and there found many cases of the disease at Williamsburg among mileh cows. They found at the only distillery they visited—that of Gaff, Fleischman & Co.—eight hundred cows, very much crowded, and very many of them diseased with contagious pleuro-pneumonia.

The cows were all fed on hot swift, with a small quantity of hay steened in it. The

small quantity of hay steeped in it. The cows belonged to a large number of milkmen, who sell them, when they are from disease un-able to give any more milk, to the butchers, who slaughter them for sale. The five visit-ing veterinary surgeons to that distillery, Drs. Gadsden, McEachran, Lockhart, McLean, and tautard, were all roughly turned out, under the suspicion that they were sent thither by the New York board of health. Dr. Gadsden at once made a report to General Le Duc, the Commissioner of Agriculture, in which he stated the facts as ascertained. The visitors learned that the millimum my average contrathat the millimen pay seventy-seven cents a week for the support of each cow at the distil-lery. These cows, when in fair health, give larger quantities of milk than those fed by the ordinary method of dry food, but the milk is of an inferior quality. The milk is taken in cars to New York for sale, as it is against the

cars to New York for sale, as it is against the law to sell it in Brooklyn.

Drs. Gadsden and McEachran on the 27th of January last made a post-mortem examination of the lungs taken from one of the cows above referred to, and found all the pathological anatomy of this malady present. The left lung was very heavy cone-half of it was quite solid and did not crepitate when cut into. The characteristic marble appearance was well marked. The pleuro was covered with solid fibrinous exudation. The right lung was not much diseased. Pleuro-pneumonia is both contagious and infectious, a specific disease peculiar to bovine animals of a subacute or

Gadsden that he had good reason to believe, from the large number of reports he has received from all parts of the Western States, that pleuro-pneumonia does not exist west of the Alleghany Mountains. He also constantly receives reports from the Chicago stock-yards, all of which deny the existence of the disease there.

In a conversation with Dr. Gadsden beliabled to the control of the disease does not exist the control of the constitution of 1857. The blow is aimed at henites.

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he disease does not exist near or at the port of hiladelphia, and that animals coming from the West could not, therefore, be brought in contact with it. He has letters from nearly all the veterinary surgeons in that city confirmng this fact.

Mr. Sam Brown stated to the committee

that his home is in Kentucky, but his bust-ness points are Pittsburg, Philadelphia, and New York. He was familiar with the cattle trade of the Western States, but particularly so with regard to cattle from Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. He did not know whether there was any such disease as contagious pleuro-pneumonia among cattle. He never saw a case of it. Of all the cattle that have come under his observation he did not know of a bullock affected with contagious disease. The cattle exported are selections almost entirely from the best cattle.

Jerome F. Sadler, of New York, a dealer in

cattle for home consumption, gave his exper-ience in the business, and stated that he had never seen any cases of pleuro-pneumonia among cattle, his statement being in accord The committee will continue the investi-

gation to-day.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP FOLEY.

High Tributes of Respect to the Deceased CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-The funeral services ver the body of the Right Rev. Bishop Foley, of this diocese, were most impressive in their olemnity. The Cathedral of the Holy Name, on the North Side, was the scene of the last rites, and was visited by nearly 20,000 people between the hours of seven this morning and one this afternoon, including the mayor, city officers, and aldermen, bishops of all the neighboring dioceses and other church dignitaries who were present at the Pontifical high requiem. Bishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, Iowa, officiated throughout. The music was of the grand order peculiar to the burial service of the church. Bishop Ryan, of St. Louis, one of the most cloquent of the Western bishops, de livered the sermon, and the protracted services closed by an absolution from the priests present. All who desired then took a last look at the re-mains. The Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Railroad Company has fitted up one of Its finest passenger coaches to convey the remains, with their escort, to Baltimore, and at three o'clock the party will leave by a special train over

Copying Congress. Sr. Louis, Feb. 21.-A Topeka (Kansas) dis

patch says: "The sergeant-at-arms of the

SEVERE WEATHER.

Snow Storm in Nora Scotia. HALIPAN, N. S., Feb. 21.—The heaviest ow storm seen here for five years began last night and continued all day. The thermon ter fell from 30,40° to 28,80° during the twee ty-four hours ending at nine o'clock this morning. A large quantity of snow has fallen, and drifts in some places are fifteen feet high. Business is completely suspended in the city. There have been no arrivals of vessels. It is feared that shipping on the coast will suffor. Accounts from all parts of the province speak of the severity of the storm. The postroads in all directions are blockaded, and no mail communication is possible with any of the country towns. On the Intercolonial Railroad the Quebec train that left Moneton early this morning for Halifax is snowed in at Atilac, near Amsterat. The train that left here this morning for St. John is snowed in uear Defoil Station, Londonderry. There has been no movement of trains on the Windsor and Annapolis lines to-day. ness is completely suspended in the city

sterm this season set in last night from the north. The wind still blows heavily, and the snow drifts incessantly. Business in the city and traffic on the rallways are almost wholly suspended.
Toronto, Feb. 21.—Another cold spell pre-valls, throughout Ontario to-day, the ther-mometer ranging from zero to 38° below.

Oil Combination Investigation

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 21,-At the hearing regard to freight discriminations to-day be fore General J. B. Sweitzer, master, John D. Archbold, president of the Acme Oil Company, testified that Mr. Rockafeller, president of the Standard Oil Company, received the dividends on one-fourth interest in the Acme Oil Company. In answer to questions by counsel for the Commonwealth as to who h received them for, Mr. Archbold stated that he (Rockafeller) did not receive those divi-dends for either A. J. Cassatt nor Thomas A

Q. How do you know that ?-A. I was led by suggestive questions put to me during my examination in Philadelphia to ask Mr. Rockafeller since, for my own information, whether there were any possible relations existing bereceived any interest whatever in rebates or

Mr. B. B. Campbell, president of the Oil Pro ducers' Union, was cross-examined, and testi-fied as to the scope and purpose of that union

Murderers Convicted. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21,-Claiborne Smith the third negro tried for the murder of John Lacy in New Kent a few weeks ago, has been convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the ponitentiary for eighteen years. Two other negroes, Patrick Smith and Julin Christian, have already been convicted and sentenced to be hung on March 25. The fourth and last of the murderous gang will be tried at the next term of the Circuit Court. The two who are downed to have are confined. The two who are doomed to hang are confined

The two who are doomed to hang are confined in the Henrico County jail, in this city.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 21.—Knex Martin, the negro murderer of John Whittemier and his wife on the 15th of last month, was sentenced to-day by the Davidson County Criminal Court to be hanged on March 28 next.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Felix Lavalle was convicted of murder in the second degree to-day for shooting Sarah Hayden and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Affairs in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 15, via HAVANA, Feb

bus, Ga., to Richmond, Va., were received here to-day by the Governor, mayor, and other State and city officials and military. They were transferred to the Richmond train in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, Honors were also paid to the deceased by the military of Spartansburg and other cities on the route through South Carolina. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21.—The remains of

the late General R. H. Chilton, who died in Columbus, Ga., a few days ago, will reach this city to-morrow afternoon under an escort of defachments of several military companies of Columbus. The military of this city has been ordered out to meet the remains and escort them to their final resting place in Hollywood

Absenuded with a Dashing Belle МЕМРИІВ, ТЕNN., Feb. 21.-A dispatch to the Aculanche from Starksville, Miss., says D. H. Montgomery, a member of the firm of S. E Montgomery & Co., absconded a few days since with several thousand dollars, including \$6,000 with several thousand dollars, including \$6,000 of county funds, \$1,000 borrowed of two widows, and other smaller amounts. He was necompanied by a dashing belle of Starksville. The county treasurer has attached everything available. Montgomery is highly connected, is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and leaves a devoted wife and two children. When last heard from the guilty parties wer in New Orleans. Efforts to effect Montgom ery's arrest are being made.

State Legislatures. RICHMOND, Feb. 21,-The Senate to-day de ided by a vote of 26 to 11 to take a vote on the bill providing for the settlement of the State debt to-morrow, at two p. m. The bill will be considered at to-night's session. The debt question, fixed as a special order for yes-terday in the House, has not yet come up, that body being still occupied in considering constitutional amendments. The convention of the readjusters of the State debt, called by the readjusters of the General Assembly, will eet in this city on Tuesday next, WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 21.—The House

concurred by a large majority in the Senate joint resolution instructing the Attorney-Gen-eral to proceed by que verranta against the charter of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Angell, the Defaulter.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.-Private advices om Lewes, Del., to-night state that the bark Shooting Star, on which Augell, the defaulting secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company,

An Explosion. POTTSTOWS, PA., Feb. 21,-Andrew Gruber and Aaron Mayer were seriously injured this HOME NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Another Terribly Bungling Execution Yesterday.

The Rope Breaks and the Culprit Falls to the Ground - Ten Thousand Excited Witnesses - Serious Fires - A Woman Burned to a Cinder

Annapolis lines to-day.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 21.—The heaviest snow around his neck at 11:40, and then Washhis spiritual advisers, aunounced to the sheriff his desire that it be given to certain physicians. He asked for his father and mother, but they failed to respond to the call of their names. At 11:45 the drop fell, when the rope broke short off at the top. Many in the great crowd yelled and hooted. Washington was again picked up, and the rope being quickly adjusted, another noose was made around his neck. At 11:48 the trap was again sprung. mock. At 11:48 the trap was again sprung, Washington being unconscious from his first fall. At 11:59 his pulse beat only six, and at 11:57 it had stepped entirely. He remained hanging until 12:09 o'clock, when he was cut down and the body given to the physicians. He died without a murmur and showed no feeling whatever. feeling whatever.

Fire Record. Conors, N. Y., Feb. 21.-The Atlantic Knitting Mills were destroyed by fire this orning. The flames extended to the adjoining building-North's block. There was a panic among the 100 operatives in the mills, who were mostly women, when the fire broke out, but all escaped uninjured. The loss on tween his oil company and the Pennsylvania the Atlantic Mills building and machinery is Railroad Company, and Mr. Rockafeller answered that neither Mr. Cassait nor Mr. Scott was supposed to be under control but it beaks \$25,000; insurance, \$17,000. At uoon the fire was supposed to be under control, but it broke was supposed to be under control, but it broke out again with removed vigor at one o'clock, extending south to the large four-story building of the Conrier publishing office. At three o'clock the fire was still raging, but was soon afterward extinguished. The total loss will foot up \$50,000; insurance, about \$18,000.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 21.—A dispatch from Bloomington, Ill., says the frame residence of Martin Redington, at that place, was burned late last night. Mrs. Redington was burned to a cinder in her bed. Her husbind was so seriously injured that he cannot survive.

INDINNAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—The opera-house

onsy injures that he cannot survive.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—The opera-house block at Columbus, Ind., was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, partially covered by insurance. Among the sufferers are Lee Joseph, dry goods, loss \$7,000, insurance \$4,500, and George Carothers, furniture, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,700. The building is insured. The cause of the fire is

SALEM, N. J., Feb. 21 .- John Morris' oilcloth works, at this place, were partially burned at three o'clock this morning. The loss, which is heavy, cannot be ascartained at present, but the insurance amounts to \$23,000. six dwellings, adjoining, were also burned, and nine families are thus thrown out of their homes. The loss on stock and material is ascertained to be \$20,000—insurance, \$10,000; loss on building, \$7,000—fully insured; loss on dwellings, \$3,000—insurance; \$500. The insurance is in the Salem, Mutual, and Millville companies.

tally destroyed the orchestrion, which was claimed to be the largest in the world. The proprietors state that the total loss will reach \$20,000, which is covered by an insurance of \$35,000. Joseph Spencer, a cook, was burned so hadly that he died from the effects of his in

juries to-night. Canadian Fishermen Dissatisfied. HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21,-The Prince Ed-

ward Island fishermen are dissatisfied with General R. H. Chilton, en route from Colum- the manner in which Americans conduct the fishery on their coast. At a meeting held at Tignish they passed resolutions calling upon representatives in the Dominion Hou Commons to urge upon the government the necessity of taking immediate action in the premises, and declaring that every possible means should be adopted to prevent seine

The Pennsylvania Rioters.

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 21.-Reports from the cene of the late difficulty on the Upper Monongahela River say everything is quiet turn to the Asiatic station. there. A number of turbulent miners have Sheriff Work returned to been arrested. Washington, Pa., to-day.

New York City Matters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .- Seventy-three fire inmeeting to-day, at which different sections of the report establishing a tariff association were adopted.

In the suit of Heller vs. the Burlington and Missouri Railroad Company, to recover \$114,000 damage for alleged breach of contract, the jury this afternoon brought in a verdict of \$658 for

new trial was denied, but delay was given him to prepare an appeal.

In the Kings County Supreme Court to-day Mrs. Elizabeth Knowles, of New Jersey, ob-tained a verdict of \$4,500 damages against the East River Ferry Company for injuries re-ceived on the Hunter's Point ferryboat. The uit was brought for \$30,030.

Western Cattle Trade.

OTTAWA, ONT., Feb. 21.-The government ere intimated to Mr. Hickson, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, who has been in active communication with them re-Canada of United States cattle, that if the Western States will take the necessary steps to guard against the contagion spreading into their territories which are at present free from it they will use all their influence with the British government to gain their consent to the shipment of cattle from the Western States through Canadian ports.

Wich County of Norfolk, at 1:15 this aftermoon 173 miles behind time.

Pants, Feb. 21.—The Agricultural Society of France, at a meeting to-day, manimously adopted a resolution requesting the government to follow the example of England in prohibiting the importation of live American cattle.

NANYES, Feb. 21.—The Bicon T.

mittee of the American Missionary Association has addressed a communication to President was brought from Portugal, is detained off the breakwater by had weather. It is thought she that an executive vote be affixed to the bill will be able to land by morning. that an executive vote be affixed to the bill passed by Congress affecting the relations of this country with China. They say they regard that bill as a surrender to easte prejudice, passed by Congress affecting the results are the passed by Congress affecting the results are surrender to easte prejudice, dition of the country and the despotation of this country, wrong to China, and in which it is governed.

London, Feb. 22.—The Times' Berlin dispatch says the waters of the Vistula have overflowed and submerged forty villages near Warsaw. and Aaron Mayer were seriously injured this in violation of treaty stipulations, of the fundamenting by a premature explosion in an iron mental principles of the Declaration of Indemine at Boyerstown.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION. Responsibility of Railroad Corporations.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21 .- In the Court of Com non Pleas, Chief-Judge Brown presiding, in a suit against the Northern Central Railroad to scover \$20,000 damages for killing Mrs. Burns. who was run over by a train of cars on the track of that road, in June last, and killed, the jury this morning brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$10,000. The suit was brought for the benefit of the minor children of Mrs. Burns. Judge Brown instructed the Jury Brins. Judge Brown instructed the jury when they retired to consider their verdict, first, that if the jury find the fact of the killing of Mrs. Burns and of the relation of the equitable plaintiffs to her, as set forth in the pleadings, they must find for the plaintiffs, even though she (the mother) did not use ordinary care and prudence to avoid getting in front of the train and engine, or where she could be struck by the passing train provides. could be struck by the passing train, provided they find that the agents of the detendant in charge of the train and engine did not use ordinary care and prudence in giving signals or posting a lookout to give warning; second, the defendant is liable to damages if want of ordinary care and produce of the agents directly contributed to the accident, even though there was not ordinary care exercised by the

Relief for Sitka. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 .- A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, says that the latest advices from Port Townsend are to the effect that the from Port Townsend are to the effect that the United States revenue cutter Walcott had taken on board a large supply of provisions and was about ready to start for Sitka. The vessel was very inadequately provided with arms and ammunition, and much difficulty was experienced in obtaining small arms. The commander of the vessel was obliged to borrow such rifles as could be procured, as the cutter had none.

SELMA, ALA , Feb. 21. - Mr. M. Stanton, super intendent of the Selma, Rome and Dalton Raifroad, died this morning from injuries received by the disaster at Mulberry Creek, on that road, last Tuesday, NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—Charles Potthoff, a

well-known merchant and ex-city administrator, is dead. New York, Feb. 21.—Ex-Mayor Westervelt, whose death has been so long expected, died to-day.

Increased Canadian Tariff.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT., Feb. 21.-There is a report in circulation that the Cana dian government is soon to impose an extra duty on exports of lumber, bark, railroad ties, and like freight. It creates general comment and interest in business circles. The ship ments were heavier this winter than for sev eral years past, especially from Quebec. Al though the rumor does not come from officia ources, it is very generally credited.

Pardoned by the President. HARTFORD, CONN., Feb. 21.-John C. Tracy rmerly president of the Farmers and Me chanics' Bank, who was sentenced to six and a half years' imprisonment two years ago for irregularities in the bank, has been pardoned by President Hayes. He will be released from Wethersheld prison in a day or two, as soon as the pardon reaches this city.

Pugilists Acquitted.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.-The jury in the ase of Arthur Chambers, John Clark, and John King, charged with conspiring to commit a misdemeanor in Canada by arranging a prize fight, returned a vertice this morning of not guilty. Notwithstanding this verdiet the Judge held the accused in \$1,000 bail to keep the

Nine thousand eight hundred feet of track aid yesterday. J. H. STROBRIDGE, Chief of Construction

Katie Cobb's Motion for a New Trial With-

NORWICH, CONN., Feb. 21.-The counsel for Mrs. Kate M. Cobb, convicted of poisoning her husband, have withdrawn their motion for a new trial. It will not be renewed unles Satisfactory Trial Trip.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—The steamship State of California returned this afternoon from a very satisfactory trial trip of fifty-four The Alert at San Francisco,

States steamer Alert, from Yokobama. After refitting at Mare Island navy-yard she will re-Governor Fremont Coming to Washington PRESCOTT, A. T., Feb. 21.-General John C.

Fremont leaves to-day for Washington, at the request of the Territorial Legislature, to look New York, Feb. 21.—Seventy-three fire in- after important interests affecting the welfare surance companies were represented at the of the people of the Territory. Cable Sparks.

Paris, Feb. 21.—It is announced that M. de Marcere will not hold a reception on Tuesday next. It is believed that this signifies his resignation from the Cabinet.

ROME, Feb. 21.-The Italian government ha prohibited the importation of American awine the plaintiff. A motion by the plaintiff for a new trial was denied, but delay was given him caution against trichinoses. or any preparation of their nesh, as a pre-caution against trichimoses.

London, Feb. 22.—Letters from Berlin au-nounce that the Emperor received the Count de St. Vallier, the French Minister, with nota-ble cordiality on his return to Berlin. He told the Count that Prince Hobenhole's opin-ton in regard to President (first regard).

ion in regard to President Grevy is most reas

uring.
Braurs, Feb. 21.—The North German Gazett says the negotiations between Germany and the Vatlean have not yet assumed anything resembling a definitive character. The Hague, Feb. 21.—Herr Van Bosse, the

Minister of the Colonies, is dead, London, Feb. 21.—Weston reached Nor-wich County of Norfolk, at 1:15 this after-

Against the Chinese Bill.

New York, Feb. 21.—The executive committee of the American Missionary Association as addressed a communication to President

and the Zulus.

LONDON, Feb. #2.—A Berlin dispatch to the

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

More Favorable Reports Concerning the Plague.

its Disappearance from Astrachan Aunounced-The Diphtheria Proving Epidemic-Canada Guarding Against Contagion - Debate in the French Chambers-Amnesty Bill Passed.

Reports of the Plague.

Sr. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—General Meff-koff telegraphs that not a single case of epidemic illness exists throughout this jurisdiction. The military cordons isolating different villages have been abolished. The general

orden only is retained. BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The Official Gazette conrms General Melikoff's favorable report, and mys it is believed that after ten days the orthern portion of Astrachan may be safely declared relieved from quarantine, as it will then have been free from sickness for sixtytwo days. The Russian papers, however, continue to report epidemics, especially diphtheria, of which they say 700 persons have died in the

village of Vakoff. The Odessa Gazette states that during the last three years 6,528 persons have died of diphtheria in the districts of Mirgorod and Poltava.

Poltava.

The Norce Vremya reports that there has been a death from Siberian plague in the St. Nicholas Hospital at St. Petersburg.

A GERMAN LECTURE ON THE PLAGUE.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—At the sitting of the medical society Dr. Virehow delivered a lecture on the plague, declaring that the epidemic prevailing in Astrachan is the Eastern plague. He said the measures adopted by the German government were of too general a character. He said the measures adopted by the German government were of too general a character. Attention should be principally directed to the necessity of placing the Russian army returning from Turkey under medical inspection. The plague was not more serious than the cholera. The sick should be isolated and placed in healthy localities. No doubt the plague was contagious, but it was not known how the contagion was propagated. On account of the ignorance upon this point it would be difficult to give an exact list of the importations which should be prohibited. The lecturer expressed the opinion that the most effective mode of disinfection was by dry heat.

The sanitary cordon of troops along the Roumanian frontier has not yet been com

CANADIAN PRECAUTIONS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—In the House of Commons Mr. Charlton moved an address to the Governor-General, praying that, in view of the existence of the plague in Russia and of its existence of the plague in Russia and of its threatened progress westward, and the proba-bility that enigration will take place from Russia to Canada during the present year to a considerable extent, such quarantine and sani-tary regulations as shall furnish a safeguard against the pestilence shall be taken. The against the pestilence shall be taken. The motion was subsequently withdrawn on assur-ance being given by the first Minister that the existing regulations were sufficient and could be rigidly enforced.

could be rigidly enforced.

AMNESTY IN FRANCE.

VERSALLES, Feb. 21.—The debate on the amnesty bill was resumed in the Chamber to-day. M. Marion argued that if it was proposed to leave the Ministry of the 18th of May fin to leave the Ministry of the 16th of May untouched a full and complete amnesty must be grunted. An amendment offered in this sense, however, was rejected. M. Clemencian supported M. Louis Blaue's proposal for a plenary amnesty, arguing that the government bill, by granting partial amnesty, tended to perpetuate oppression. M. Blane's proposal was then rejected by a vote of 393 to 195. M. Gatineau's amendment granting complete amnesty to all except assassins, incendiaries, and persons who had been criminally convicted previous to the fibrinous exudiation. The right lung was not much diseased. Pleuro-pneumonia is both contagious and infectious, a specific disease peculiar to bovine animals of a subaente or chronic character, but different from other diseases. It usually appears as an epizodic or enzodic malady, and, owing to its insidious invasion, the subtlety of its contagiou, its general diffusion, and great fatality, is a most serious scourge.

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The Anti-Chinese Bill.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The Pest publishes interviews with a number of leading and others decaded the influence Sonor Benitez is an other serious scourge.

Correspondence on this subject took place that the passage of the last one time that nothing could save the town from destruction, as the wind was very light. The storm has now considerably abated.

The Liberal party in the City of Mexico have published a remarkable programme, proposition from the Albanians Saleous and Music Hall, at the City of Mexico have published a remarkable programme, proposition from the Mexico of the Sale and the fibration of the Wight of the Albanians Saleous and Music Hall, at the City of Resource of Randolph and Dearborn streets.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—Safvet Pasha, the Turkish ambassador at Paris, has telegraphed to the Porte that M. Waddington, Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Council, assured him that he would support a scheme for the conversion of the coines on the conditions of the co-operation of the Ottoman Bank and an agreement between the Euglish and French governments. M. Waddington added that as soon as an international commission is invested with the administration commission is invested with the administrati of the customs, a group of bankers, headed by the Ottoman Bank, would make advances for the partial or complete withdrawal of the comes and concert the measures required for the con-version of the Turkish debt. Neither France nor Eugland have yet appointed commissioners for the administration of the customs under the De Tocqueville scheme. The director of the Ottoman Bank has had an interview with

the Ottoman Bank has had an interview with the Grand Vizier, when a plan proposed by the bank was discussed. Negotiations continue. PRUSSIAN DIET CLOSED.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Count Stolberg-Werni-gerode to-day closed the Prussian Diet. Reca-pitulating the results of the session, he said an understanding had been established in regard to the broad principles of the Prussian financial policy, paving the way for an under-standing respecting the financial policy of the Empire. The government had resolved to use their full power to further the projects of eco-nomical reform in the Kingdom and in the Empire.

BISMARCR'S SPEECH. During a debate in the Reichstag to-day on the treaty of commerce between Germany and Austria, Prince Bismarck said he was not alevery such eigengement must provide protection for home industries. He fully supported the commercial views presented in the speech from the throne. He had no wish to deny that he had changed his views on this subject, but in former times he had been influenced by that he had changed his views on this subject, but in former times he had been influenced by the importance of preserving friendship with France and preventing Austria from disrupting the Zollverein. Even now he should prefer to confine himself to a few customs duties, but he cited the opposition to the tobacco prefer to show that this was impossible. They could afford to leave posterity to decide between bimself and his financial critics.

ANOTHER FERIAN COMING.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Patrick McNamara, accused of the murder of Patrick Kearney, in the County Clare, and at whose trial the jury disagreed, is to be released on condition of quitting the country, the government paying his expenses to the United States.

DR. RUTT'S RESIGNATION.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Standard understands that Dr. Butt has sent a letter, announcing his resignation of the leadership of the flome Rulers, to the meeting of the Irish members of Parliament, which had adjourned until to-day. The Scotman's correspondent at London and Dr. But is in both beside.

o-day. The Scotman's correspondent at London says Dr. Butt is in bad health.

LIVERPOOL STRIKERS.
LIVERPOOL Feb. 22.—At yesterday's meeting the strikers made a hostile demonstration against the police. The authorities have resolved, in the event of a repetition, to forcibly

solved, in the event of a repetition, to forcibly disperse to-day's meeting.

GENER ARCHIMSTOP BEATEN TO DEATH.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Standard has the following dispatch from Constantinople: "The Greek Archbishop of Adriasople has been beaten to death by some Bulgavians. The Greeks here are indignant, and 3,000 of them have requested of the Patriarch permission to standard the function."